

Summary Day 1

GHSA Steering Group Meeting

14 December 2016

Opening

- Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia, Professor Nila F. Moeloek welcomed the participants of the GHSA Steering Group meeting and reiterated the vision of the GHSA to achieve a world safe and secure from the threat of infectious diseases.
- Since its establishment, the GHSA has made significant progress through the Chairmanships of the United States, Finland and Indonesia. Minister of Health, therefore, congratulate every stakeholder for their hard work and enduring commitment to meet the GHSA goals.
- Among the notable achievements made are the implementation of JEE, growing collaboration with relevant partners and stakeholders, growing GHSA memberships, and enhanced coordination between Steering Group countries and Action Package activities.
- Minister of Health noted with optimism that the coming year will bring more success to GHSA, as Indonesia will end its chairmanship by the end of 2016.



Update from the Advisors of GHSA

1. WHO

- WHO highlighted the current achievements in global health security and the way forward by emphasizing the significance of strategic partnerships and Joint External Evaluation (JEE) assessments that have been carried out in a number of member countries. To date, there have been 28 JEE assessments conducted in all six WHO regions, and 11 assessments have been scheduled to take place.
- Strategic partnership for country planning remains the cornerstone for the efforts to meet health security goals, and the primary objective of this partnership is to help member countries develop their own country planning in dealing with the possible outbreak of infectious diseases.
- Learn from Tanzania and Pakistan during JEE, every country had their own way to comply JEE.

Update from the Advisors of GHSA

2. FAO

- highlighted the advisory role of FAO in supporting the GHSA activities.
- FAO underscored the importance of One Health approach, which is coupled with multilateral and multisectoral coordination to strengthen the capacity of global health in dealing with public health threats.
- It is important for the GHSA to pursue multilateral and multisectoral approach by emphasizing human – food – animal – environmental interface. To achieve One Health approach, the role of agriculture should be properly reflected in various GHSA programs.
- In addition, in order to tackle challenges faced by GHSA in 2017, food and agriculture should be increasingly involved in the GHSA Action Package activities.



Update from the Advisors of GHSA

3. World Bank

- World Bank is putting together a working group at the moment to deal with issues of mobilizing funds for GHSA activities.
- International Development Association (IDA) resources related to GHSA include IDA facility for mobilizing funds starting in July 2017, which reflected World Bank commitment to support countries in financing GHSA activities.
- Preparedness of pandemic plans is a prerequisite for the support of financing from World Bank.

Update on the Action Package Progress

- There have been a number of successful examples, such as shown in various areas of concern in the Action Packages.
- It is important to ensure that a platform for sharing information among the GHSA member countries is put in place which will enable member countries to keep track of the progress made in AP activities and share information and best practices with wide audiences across the world.
- Indonesia : Role of military in public health emergency is important, ICMM should be more involved in GHSA

Networking of Action Package

- Indonesia presented a systemic network model for coordination of Action Packages at national and global level by emphasizing that building block of the GHSA is the ability to establish a robust network between stakeholders.
- The system proposed consists of two primary components, namely vertical component and horizontal component, with an understanding that Action Packages are not a new organization, but rather as a way of organizing things, and the elements in the Action Packages cannot work in silo, but in an enhanced coordination with other Action Packages.
- The Steering Group takes note the concept note of Systemic Network Model on Coordination of Action Packages as GHSA living document that can be enriched by the Steering Group in the future.

Update on the Alliance for Country Assessment

- Finland highlighted that the Alliance membership has been steadily growing and the next step is to continue to focus on facilitating the process of health security capacity building and IHR implementation at the country level.
- FAO : remind the simplicity of the organization and clear role of each part.

Partnership with NGS, Next-Gen, and other development organizations

- The US presented the GHSA's partnership with various Non-Government Stakeholders (NGS) with a focus on the role played by NGS in advancing the GHSA cause.
- NGS have come a long way in supporting various GHSA activities, and there has been a growing engagement of NGS, next generation, universities with GHSA activities in many areas.
- The role of NGS is extremely important in accelerating the progress of GHSA considering that the government cannot achieve all GHSA goals alone since we need more Expertise , Resources, Networks in Alignment with GHSA especially for JEE
- Need to find ways to engage with NGS through out “life cycle” of GHSA.

GHSA Outreach and Multilateral Commitment

- Indonesia provided an update on GHSA outreach and multilateral commitment by providing information on the organizations that have expressed their interest in becoming part of the GHSA. They include:
 1. IFRC (International Federation of Red cross and Red Crescent Societies)
 2. Caribbean Public Health agency (CARPHA)
 3. Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF)
 4. BMJ (British Medical Journal)
 5. Hepatitis Foundation International (HFI)
- Support was given by the floor to these organizations to join the GHSA, in particular the GHSA consortium, but detailed arrangements should be discussed further in the next Steering Group meeting.